GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Dept.- Private hospitals treating Covid patients - Earmarking beds for free and cashless treatment under Aarogyasri – Orders- Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (I.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 210 Dated: 07-05-2021.
Read the following:

From the CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT, Guntur e-file No.YSRAS-20/3/2021- OPERATIONS-YSRAS, [Computer No.1406510], Dated.06.05.2021.

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ORDER:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has reviewed the coverage of Covid cases being treated in various hospitals in the State with reference to the treatment under Aarogyasri Scheme. The number of beds and the system currently in place in Government hospitals, Aarogyasri Net-work hospitals, hospitals temporarily empanelled under Aarogyasri for Covid treatment and private hospitals treating patients without any reference to Aarogyasri was reviewed in detail.

2. It was observed that while approximately 50% of the beds under occupation for Covid treatment in the Aarogyasri Network Hospitals are currently covered with cashless treatment under Aarogyasri, there is no specific allocation of beds in different categories in each of the hospitals for coverage under Aarogyasri, thereby leading to lack of clarity with the hospital management, Aarogyamitras and the nodal officers regarding availability of beds in such hospitals. Similarly, in hospitals which are temporarily empanelled with Aarogyasri for treatment of Covid patients, it is noticed that a relatively less number of patients are covered under free and cashless Aarogyasri Scheme while a majority of the patients are under self-financed category. There is another category of private hospitals which have been permitted by the District Collectors to offer Covid treatment, but there are hardly any patients in such hospitals who are being treated under Aarogyasri Scheme in such hospitals.

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3. To streamline the treatment of Covid patients, to enable full utilization of the free and cashless treatment under Aarogyasri Scheme, to provide relief to the eligible Aarogyasri cardholders and enable systematic allocation of beds to all the needy patients, Government hereby order as follows:

1. All such private hospitals, whether teaching hospitals or otherwise, which are notified by the District Collector as District Covid hospitals, where 100% of the beds are earmarked for free cashless treatment under Aarogyasri shall continue to operate as such and the District Collector may notify more such hospitals, as deemed necessary from time to time.

2. In all the Aarogyasri Network Hospitals notified for COVID-19 treatment in the State, a minimum of 50% beds in various categories shall be earmarked for Aarogyasri Scheme and allocated under the supervision of the Aarogyamitras / Nodal Officers. Beyond the quota of 50%, if any beds are still vacant when an Aarogyasri card holder approaches the hospital for admission, he / she shall not be denied admission on the ground that the quota of beds earmarked for Aarogyasri scheme has already been exhausted. The card holder shall be treated under the Aarogyasri scheme.

3. All the private hospitals notified for COVID-19 treatment by the district administration shall obtain temporary Aarogyasri empanelment if they have not already done so, and 50% of the bed strength in various categories shall be earmarked for treatment to the eligible card holders under Aarogyasri. Such beds shall be allocated to the card holders under the supervision of the Aarogyamitra / Nodal Officer for cashless and free treatment and the payment towards such treatment shall be borne by the YSRAHCT.

4. However, it is made clear that the earmarking of 50% beds shall not, under any circumstance lead to denial of a bed to a non-Aarogyasri patient who, based on medical examination, is found to require a bed. In such a case, the 50% limit need not be followed if only earmarked beds are available.

4. The District Collectors shall notify the non-empanelled Private hospitals notified for Covid-19 treatment through proceedings and forward the details to the CEO Dr YSRAHCT for temporary empanelment under Aarogyasri.

5. The CEO, Dr.YSRAHCT, Mangalagiri / the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada / the District Collectors in the State shall take necessary action accordingly.

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6. In addition to the above, attention of all the Hospitals/ Officials/ Health Care Professionals is drawn to the following directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to admission of patients:

i. admission to hospitals shall not be denied to any person for want of a positive test for Covid-19 virus.

ii. admission to a hospital shall be exclusively based on need and the medical examination of the patient by the doctor and her/his recommendation.

iii. no patient shall be refused service/ essential drugs by hospitals/chemists on any arbitrary factors such as proof of residence or insisting that only a particular mechanism be followed for making a booking in the hospital.

7. All the hospitals / officials are hereby directed to ensure that the above directions are implemented forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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